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Dear Messrs. Bray, Luster and McDonald:

On November 8, 1979, I notified you that the Department would start disapproving subdivisions and initiate other actions within 45 days, unless certain measures were undertaken in regard to the Tri-City Landfill. I am pleased to report that it will not be necessary at this time for the Department to implement this policy.

At the request of the Indian Health Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through its technical assistance program, will be evaluating the Tri-City Landfill with respect to the new federal criteria. If the landfill fails to meet this criteria, then EPA will present various alternatives available for upgrading the facility. The scope of the EPA study is outlined in items 'I' and 'II' of the attached work plan, which also indicates completion dates. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will complete the studies indicated in item 'III' of the work plan by the dates shown.

Assuming that the studies are completed within the general time frames indicated, the recommendations of EPA and MAG are implemented in a timely manner, and appropriate procedures are developed for routine monitoring of site operations thereafter, the Department will continue to approve use of the site by the three cities in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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We greatly appreciate the assistance of MAG, EPA, and the Indian Health Service in this matter, and look forward to working with all interested parties in addressing these difficult problems.

Sincerely,


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PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN

TRI-CITIES SITE EVALUATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- I. Site evaluation using the latest draft of the Site Classification Manual, with the exception of the Ground Water Criteria. (SCS) (Report by March 1)

If the site fails any of the criteria and can be corrected, recommend corrective action.

Once corrected, determine the expected life of the present site, and recommend a schedule for development of an alternative site.

If the site cannot be corrected, recommend possible alternatives available to the Community.
- II. Site evaluation for possible unauthorized disposal of hazardous wastes. (SCS) (Report by March 1)

Investigate site operations for security on incoming haulers.

Perform records search at the landfill and interview industries known to have deposited refuse at the site.

Sample soil, standing liquids and suspicious refuse.

Complete Potential Hazardous Waste Site "Site Inspection Report" forms.

Before beginning work examine the site inspection form. The form should be filled out as completely as possible, based on the outputs of the above tasks. If the form will not be completed after these tasks have been accomplished, prepare a work plan to complete the form.

Upon completion and submittal of the Site Inspection Report form, prepare a critique of the form and discuss the problems incurred in its completion.
- III. Ground Water Monitoring

Analyze available data from existing wells at and around the site (January 15)

Develop plan for additional sampling from existing wells (January 15)

Conduct additional sampling of existing wells as per plan and prepare report that analyzes all data collected and recommends action (if necessary) regarding installation and location of monitoring wells (March 1)

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